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SUBJECT: EC SPOKESMAN STATEMENT IN REGARD TO US-EC FISHERY AGREE-
MENT.

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: EC SPOKESMAN AT NOON BRIEFING DECEMBER
15 STATED THAT DIVERGENCES STILL REMAIN AFTER SECOND ROUND OF
US-EC FISHERY NEGOTIATIONS DECEMBER 13-14. HE NOTED US INSIST-
ENCE ON POSSIBILITY OF IMPRISONING VIOLATORS OF US FISHERY LAW
IS CONTRARY TO EUROPEAN TRADITION WHICH PROVIDES ONLY FOR
ECONOMIC SANCTIONS. ONLY OTHER ISSUE CITED WAS US REFUSAL
TO ACCEPT EC REQUEST FOR ARBITRATION PROVISIONS. SPOKESMAN
SAID TWO SIDES HAVE GONE BACK FOR FURTHER INTERNAL CONSULTA-
TIONS AND THIRD ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE
IN JANUARY . END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. DCM CALLED GALLAGHER AND STATED STATED, ON PERSONAL BASIS, THAT
HE QUESTIONED NEED AND WISDOM OF CITING SPECIFIC ISSUES WHICH
REMAIN IN CONTENTION. GALLAGHER RECALLED THAT HE HAD AGREED
WITH SNEAD OF USDEL THAT REFERENCE TO IMPRISONMENT ISSUE
WOULD NOT BE OUTSIDE PRESS GROUNDRULES WE HAD AGREED UPON
SINCE IT WAS KNOWN THAT US LAW REQUIRED THIS AND IT ALSO KNOWN
THAT EUROPEANS OBJECT TO IT. GALLAGHER ADMITTED WE HAD NOT
DISCUSSED MENTION OF ARBITRATION ISSUE AT THAT TIME, BUT
FELT IT FELL INTO SAME CATEGORY.

3. GALLAGHER ALSO NOTED THAT HE THOUGHT IT PREFERABLE TO
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CITE ISSUES LIKE THESE AS STILL IN SUSPENCE, RATHER THAN

ANADROMOUS SPECIES OR DISCRIMINATION AMONG EC VESSELS WHICH CAN FISH US WATERS. HE THOUGHT THAT ULTIMATELY (EITHER SOONER OR LATER) EC WOULD ACCEDE TO OUR REQUIREMENTS ON IMPRISONMENT AND ARBITRATION, BUT THAT OTHER TWO WERE REAL STICKING POINTS AND HE COULD SEE NO WAY AT PRESENT THAT COMMUNITY COULD ACCEPT US PROPOSALS ON THEM.

4 WE LEFT IT THAT WE WOULD TRY TO PLAY DOWN DISCUSSION OF ISSUES IN DISPUTE BUT THAT, IF QUERIED ON IMPRISONMENT AND ARBITRATION POINTS, WASHINGTON WOULD, OF COURSE, BE FREE TO GIVE ITS VIEW OF WHY THESE MATTERS WERE IMPORTANT TO US. HINTON

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